A Supplication for Recitation on
Commencing a Reading of the Qur’ān

اللَّهُمَّ رَبَّنَا،	O Allah! Our Lord!
لَکَ الْحَمْدُ،	To You belongs all praise.
أَنْتَ الْمُتَوَحِّدُ بِالْقُدْرَةِ	You alone possess all power
وَ السُّلْطَانِ الْمَتِينِ،	and the firmest authority,
وَ لَکَ الْحَمْدُ،	and to You belongs all praise.
أَنْتَ الْمُتَعَالِي بِالْعِزِّ وَ الْكِبْرِيَاءِ	You are exalted in Your might and supremacy
وَ فَوْقَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ.	and over and above the heavens and the Great Throne.
رَبَّنَا وَ لَکَ الْحَمْدُ،	Our Lord, to You belongs all praise!
أَنْتَ الْمُكْتَفِي بِعِلْمِکَ	You are self-sufficient in Your knowledge,
وَ الْمُحْتَاجُ إِلَيْکَ كُلُّ ذِي عِلْمٍ.	and every possessor of knowledge stands in need of You.
رَبَّنَا وَ لَکَ الْحَمْدُ،	Our Lord, to You belongs all praise,
يَا مُنْزِلَ الْآيَاتِ وَ الذِّكْرِ الْعَظِيمِ،	O sender of the signs and the Great Reminder!
رَبَّنَا فَلَکَ الْحَمْدُ	Our Lord, to You belongs all praise
بِمَا عَلَّمْتَنَا مِنَ الْحِكْمَةِ	for what You have taught us of wisdom
وَ الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ الْمُبِينِ.	and the great manifest Qur’ān.
اللَّهُمَّ	O Allah!
أَنْتَ عَلَّمْتَنَاهُ	You taught it to us
قَبْلَ رَغْبَتِنَا فِي تَعَلُّمِهِ،	before we could be eager to learn it,
وَ اخْتَصَصْتَنَا بِهِ	and singled us out for it
قَبْلَ رَغْبَتِنَا بِنَفْعِهِ.	before we could desire its benefit.
اللَّهُمَّ	O Allah!
فَإِذَا كَانَ ذَلِکَ مَنّاً مِنْکَ،	As such has been Your favour toward us,

وَ فَضْلاً وَ جُوداً وَ لُطْفاً بِنَا،	and Your grace, generosity, and kindness to us
وَ رَحْمَةً لَنَا وَ امْتِنَاناً عَلَيْنَا،	and Your mercy and favour toward us
مِنْ غَيْرِ حَوْلِنَا،	—not because of any power that we possessed,
وَ لاَ حِيلَتِنَا،	nor because of any devising on our part,
وَ لاَ قُوَّتِنَا،	nor because of any strength that we had—
اللَّهُمَّ	O Allah,
فَحَبِّبْ إِلَيْنَا	grant us the passion
حُسْنَ تِلاَوَتِهِ،	for the charm of its recitation,
وَ حِفْظَ آيَاتِهِ،	and memorization of its verses,
وَ إِيمَاناً بِمُتَشَابِهِهِ،	faith in its metaphorical parts,
وَ عَمَلاً بِمُحْكَمِهِ،	pursuance of its univocal parts,
وَ سَبَباً فِي تَأْوِيلِهِ،	the means to interpreting it,
وَ هُدًى فِي تَدْبِيرِهِ،	guidance in contemplating it,
وَ بَصِيرَةً بِنُورِهِ.	and inner vision through its light.

اللَّهُمَّ	O Allah,
وَ كَمَا أَنْزَلْتَهُ	even as You have sent it down
شِفَاءً لِأَوْلِيَائِكَ،	as healing for Your friends,
وَ شَقَاءً عَلَى أَعْدَائِكَ،	wretchedness for Your enemies,
وَ عَمًى عَلَى أَهْلِ مَعْصِيَتِكَ،	blindness for the disobedient,
وَ نُوراً لِأَهْلِ طَاعَتِكَ،	and a light for the obedient,
اللَّهُمَّ فَاجْعَلْهُ لَنَا	so also, O Allah, make it for us
حِصْناً مِنْ عَذَابِكَ،	a shield against Your punishment,
وَ حِرْزاً مِنْ غَضَبِكَ،	a bulwark against Your wrath,
وَ حَاجِزاً عَنْ مَعْصِيَتِكَ،	a safeguard against Your disobedience,
وَ عِصْمَةً مِنْ سَخَطِكَ،	a protection from Your displeasure,
وَ دَلِيلاً عَلَى طَاعَتِكَ،	a guide to Your obedience,
وَ نُوراً يَوْمَ نَلْقَاكَ،	and, on the day we shall encounter You, a light
نَسْتَضِيءُ بِهِ فِي خَلْقِكَ،	whereby we may walk amid Your creatures,
وَ نَجُوزُ بِهِ عَلَى صِرَاطِكَ،	cross safely Your bridge [over hell],

وَ نَهْتَدِيَ بِهِ إِلَى جَنَّتِكَ.	to be led by it into Your paradise.
اللَّهُمَّ	O Allah!
إِنَّا نَعُوذُ بِكَ	We seek Your protection
مِنَ الشِّقْوَةِ فِي حَمْلِهِ،	from wretchedness in bearing it,
وَ الْعَمَى عَنْ عَمَلِهِ،	from blindness in practising it,
وَ الْجَوْرِ عَنْ حُكْمِهِ،	from deviating from its precepts,
وَ الْعُلُوِّ عَنْ قَصْدِهِ،	from swerving from its middle path
وَ التَّقْصِيرِ دُونَ حَقِّهِ.	and disregarding its right.
اللَّهُمَّ	O Allah!
احْمِلْ عَنَّا ثِقْلَهُ،	Lighten for us its burden,
وَ أَوْجِبْ لَنَا أَجْرَهُ،	appoint for us its reward,
وَ أَوْزِعْنَا شُكْرَهُ،	inspire us to give thanks for it,
وَ اجْعَلْنَا نُرَاعِيهِ وَ نَحْفَظُهُ.	and enable us to observe it and secure it.
اللَّهُمَّ	O Allah!
اجْعَلْنَا نَتَّبِعُ حَلاَلَهُ،	Enable us to pursue what it declares as lawful,
وَ نَجْتَنِبُ حَرَامَهُ،	to avoid what it asserts to be unlawful,
وَ نُقِيمُ حُدُودَهُ،	to observe its bounds,
وَ نُؤَدِّي فَرَائِضَهُ.	and to fulfill its obligations.
اللَّهُمَّ	O Allah!
ارْزُقْنَا حَلاَوَةً فِي تِلاَوَتِهِ،	Grant us sweetness of its recitation,
وَ نَشَاطاً فِي قِيَامِهِ،	animation in its performance,
وَ وَجِلاً فِي تَرْتِيلِهِ،	awe in its recitals,
وَ قُوَّةً فِي اسْتِعْمَالِهِ،	and strength in putting it into practice
فِي آنَاءِ اللَّيْلِ وَ أَطْرَافِ النَّهَارِ.	in the watches of the night and at the ends of the day.

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اللَّهُمَّ
وَ اشْفِنَا مِنَ النَّوْمِ بِالْيَسِيرِ،
وَ أَيْقِظْنَا فِي سَاعَةِ اللَّيْلِ،
مِنْ رُقَادِ الرَّاقِدِينَ،
وَ نَبِّهْنَا عِنْدَ الْأَحَايِينِ،
الَّتِي يُسْتَجَابُ فِيهَا الدُّعَاءُ،
مِنْ سِنَةِ الْوَسْنَانِينَ.

O Allah!
Refresh us with a little amount of sleep
and awaken us in the hour of the night
from the sleep of the slumberers,
and arouse us, at the moments
wherein supplications are granted,
from the drowsiness of the drowsy.

اللَّهُمَّ
اجْعَلْ لِقُلُوبِنَا
ذَكَاءً عِنْدَ عَجَائِبِهِ
الَّتِي لاَ تَنْقَضِي،
وَ لَذَاذَةً عِنْدَ تَرْدِيدِهِ،
وَ عِبْرَةً عِنْدَ تَرْجِيعِهِ،
وَ نَفْعاً بَيِّناً
عِنْدَ اسْتِفْهَامِهِ.

O Allah!
Make our hearts
perceptive of its wonders,
which are never exhausted,
relish murmuring it in soft tones,
take lesson from it when consulting it,
and benefit manifestly
when seeking an answer from it to our queries.

اللَّهُمَّ
إِنَّا نَعُوذُ بِکَ
مِنْ تَخَلُّفِهِ فِي قُلُوبِنَا،
وَ تَوَسُّدِهِ عِنْدَ رُقَادِنَا،
وَ نَبْذِهِ وَرَاءَ ظُهُورِنَا،
وَ نَعُوذُ بِکَ
مِنْ قَسَاوَةِ قُلُوبِنَا
لِمَا بِهِ وَعَظْتَنَا.

O Allah!
We seek Your protection
from letting it languish in our hearts,
from our turning it into a soporific,
and from casting it behind our backs.
We seek Your protection
from hardening of our hearts
to what You have advised us.

اللَّهُمَّ
انْفَعْنَا
بِمَا صَرَّفْتَ فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ،
وَ ذَكِّرْنَا بِمَا ضَرَبْتَ فِيهِ مِنَ الْمَثُلاَتِ،

O Allah!
Give us the benefit
of the signs You have variegated in it,
admonish us by the parables You have drawn in it,

وَ كَفِّرْ عَنَّا بِتَأْوِيلِهِ السَّيِّئَاتِ،	remedy our ills through its interpretation,
وَ ضَاعِفْ لَنَا بِهِ جَزَاءً فِي الْحَسَنَاتِ،	double through it our reward of good deeds,
وَ ارْفَعْنَا بِهِ ثَوَاباً فِي الدَّرَجَاتِ،	elevate us in rank through it as a reward,
وَ لَقِّنَا بِهِ الْبُشْرَى بَعْدَ الْمَمَاتِ.	and give us good news through it after death!
اللَّهُمَّ	O Allah!
اجْعَلْهُ لَنَا	Make it for us
زَاداً تُقَوِّينَا بِهِ	a provision with which You may fortify us
فِي الْمَوْقِفِ بَيْنَ يَدَيْكَ،	in the halt before You,
وَ طَرِيقاً وَاضِحاً نَسْلُكُ بِهِ إِلَيْكَ،	a clear path by which we may travel towards You,
وَ عِلْماً نَافِعاً	a beneficial knowledge
نَشْكُرُ بِهِ نَعْمَاءَكَ،	by which we may thank You for Your blessings,
وَ تَخَشُّعاً صَادِقاً	a true veneration
نُسَبِّحُ بِهِ أَسْمَاءَكَ،	with which we may glorify Your Names,
فَإِنَّكَ اتَّخَذْتَ بِهِ عَلَيْنَا حُجَّةً،	for You have made it an argument against us
قَطَعْتَ بِهِ عُذْرَنَا،	whereby You have cut off our excuses,
وَ اصْطَنَعْتَ بِهِ عِنْدَنَا نِعْمَةً	and granted thereby a blessing
قَصَرَ عَنْهَا شُكْرُنَا.	for which we can never thank You enough!
اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْهُ لَنَا	O Allah! Make it for us
وَلِيّاً يُثَبِّتُنَا مِنَ الزَّلَلِ،	a guardian that saves us from stumbles,
وَ دَلِيلاً يَهْدِينَا لِصَالِحِ الْعَمَلِ،	a guide that directs us to righteous conduct,
وَ عَوْناً هَادِياً يُقَوِّمُنَا مِنَ الْمَيْلِ،	a guiding helper that saves us from deviation,
وَ عَوْناً يُقَوِّينَا مِنَ الْمَلَلِ،	a helper that gives us vigour in weariness,
حَتَّى يَبْلُغَ بِنَا أَفْضَلَ الْأَمَلِ.	thus enabling us to realize our best aspirations.
اللَّهُمَّ	O Allah! Make it for us
اجْعَلْهُ لَنَا شَافِعاً يَوْمَ اللِّقَاءِ،	an intercessor on the day of encounter,
وَ سِلَاحاً يَوْمَ الْارْتِقَاءِ،	a conveyance for the day of soaring,
وَ حَجِيجاً يَوْمَ الْقَضَاءِ،	a pleader on the day of judgement,

وَ نُوراً يَوْمَ الظَّلْمَاءِ،	a light on the day of darkness
يَوْمَ لاَ أَرْضَ وَ لاَ سَمَاءَ،	—a day when there will be neither earth nor heaven,
يَوْمَ يُجْزَى كُلُّ سَاعٍ	a day when every worker will be rewarded
بِمَا سَعَى.	for his endeavour.
اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْهُ لَنَا	O Allah! Make it for us
رَيّاً يَوْمَ الظَّمَإِ،	a means of slaking our thirst on the day of thirst,
وَ فَوْزاً يَوْمَ الْجَزَاءِ	a means of deliverance on the day of retribution
مِنْ نَارٍ حَامِيَةٍ	from the scorching Fire
قَلِيلَةِ الْبُقْيَا عَلَى مَنْ بِهَا اصْطَلَى	unsparing to anyone who enters it
وَ بِحَرِّهَا تَلَظَّى.	and is inflamed by its heat.
اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْهُ لَنَا	O Allah! Make it for us
بُرْهَاناً عَلَى رُءُوسِ الْمَلاَإِ،	an evidence before the assembly of the Elite,
يَوْمَ يُجْمَعُ فِيهِ	on the day wherein are gathered
أَهْلُ الْأَرْضِ وَ أَهْلُ السَّمَاءِ.	the inhabitants of the earth and the heaven.
اللَّهُمَّ ارْزُقْنَا	O Allah! Grant us
مَنَازِلَ الشُّهَدَاءِ،	the stations of the martyrs,
وَ عَيْشَ السُّعَدَاءِ،	the life of the felicitous
وَ مُرَافَقَةَ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ،	and the company of the prophets.
إِنَّكَ سَمِيعُ الدُّعَاءِ.	Indeed You hear all supplications![1]

[1] Al-Kulaynī, *Uṣūl al-Kāfī*, (Beirut: Dār al-Aḍwā' lil-Ṭabā'ah wal-Nashr wal-Tawzī', 1413/1992) Kitāb al-Du'ā', bāb al-du'ā' 'inda qirā'at al-Qur'ān, vol. 2, pp. 550-552, narrated from al-Imām al-Ṣādiq ('a).